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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/681,821 Confirmation No.: 6623  
Applicant : Anant V. HEGDE et al.  
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Title : Vascular Assist Device and Methods  
Group Art Unit : 3762  
Examiner : Joseph A. STOKLOSA  
Docket No. : 10233-701.201  
Customer No. : 66854

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**AND APPLICANTS' STATEMENT OF INTERVIEW**

MailStop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
Sir:

**Introductory Comments:**

This Amendment responds to the non-final Office Action dated November 8, 2007, to which a reply is due February 8, 2008.

**Amendments to the Specification** are not being made.

**Amendments to the Claims / Claim Listing** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 31 of this paper.